

TO: Health Care Providers and Facilities
FROM: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
RE: Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care

I am pleased to announce that the Washington State Board of Health is currently accepting nominations for the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care. "Feather," as friends and associates knew him, dedicated his long career as a public servant to improving access to quality and affordable health care.

He entered public service in 1995. By 1993, when he retired as health policy adviser to Governor Booth Gardner, he had established himself as a leading expert on health policy at the state and national level. He served Senator Warren G. Magnuson for almost 20 years as an aide and then chief of staff, and also was staff to the state Legislature. After his retirement, he chaired the State Board of Health until 1998.

In 1994, the Legislature honored him and his beliefs by creating the Warren Featherstone Reid Award "to recognize cost-effective and quality health care services." The award is to be given annually to "health care providers and facilities in Washington state who exhibit exceptional quality and value in the delivery of health services." When it created the award, the Legislature recognized the importance of ensuring that all Washington residents have access to affordable, quality health care.

According to the statute, the recipient of the award is to be chosen annually by the governor in conjunction with the secretary of health, and the secretary may appoint an advisory committee to assist with the selection. The Board was honored this year when the secretary asked the board to serve as a standing advisory committee that would review nominations and recommend a recipient.

I have enclosed a nomination form and urge you to let us know about providers and facilities who deserved to be honored as "centers of quality" for efforts to improve management practices, ensure quality, increase value, expand access, and maximize customer satisfaction.

Nomination must be received by December 31, 2001. For more information, please call the Board at (360) 236-4110 or visit its Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/.

Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care Nomination for 2001 Award

The Washington Legislature created the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care in 1994. The award, which honors the career of a dedicated public servant and health policy expert, showcases successful efforts to increase access to health care by delivering quality health care services in a cost-effective manner. For more details, contact the Washington State Board of Health by calling (360) 236-4110 or visiting the Board's Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/.

The nomination form and accompanying materials must be postmarked, hand-delivered or sent by electronic mail on or before December 31, 2001. Please send all materials to:

Warren Featherstone Reid Award
Washington State Board of Health
1102 Quince SE
PO Box 7990
Olympia, WA 98504-7990
(360) 236-4110
sboh@doh.wa.gov

NOMINEE

If nominee is a individual health care provider:

Name _____
Position _____
Contact number _____

If nominee is a health care facility:

Name of facility _____
Type of facility _____
Name of CEO _____
Contact number _____

NOMINATE BY

Name _____
Position _____
Address _____

Phone/Fax _____
E-mail _____

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NOMINEES CONTRIBUTION

Please provide a one- to two-page description of the nominee's contribution to providing quality, cost-effective health care services. Discuss how the nominee's work led to improvements in the following areas:

- Ensuring access to care for all Washington residents
- Increasing customer satisfaction
- Improving the quality of clinical care, including preventive care
- Reducing the costs of services and passing savings on to consumers
- Developing creative and innovative ways to deliver services
- Providing leadership in achieving excellence in health care

In all cases, please be specific about the outcomes that resulted from implementing any improvements and how those outcomes were measured. Provide data where possible.

You may submit documents, published articles and letters in support of this nomination.